

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, and 9-35 are pending in the application, that claims 1, 2, and 9-34 are allowed, and that claim 35 is rejected.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 35 for use of the term "state" in several instances. Applicant has amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, and has cancelled claim 35. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 1 and 35.

Rejection of Claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,847,755 to Morrison.

By this amendment, applicant has cancelled claim 35, rendering this objection moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, favorable reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections and objections and that claims 1, 2 and 9 - 34 be allowed at an early date and the patent allowed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted

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